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# Extending the CP-ABE Scheme for Supporting Flexible Access Control

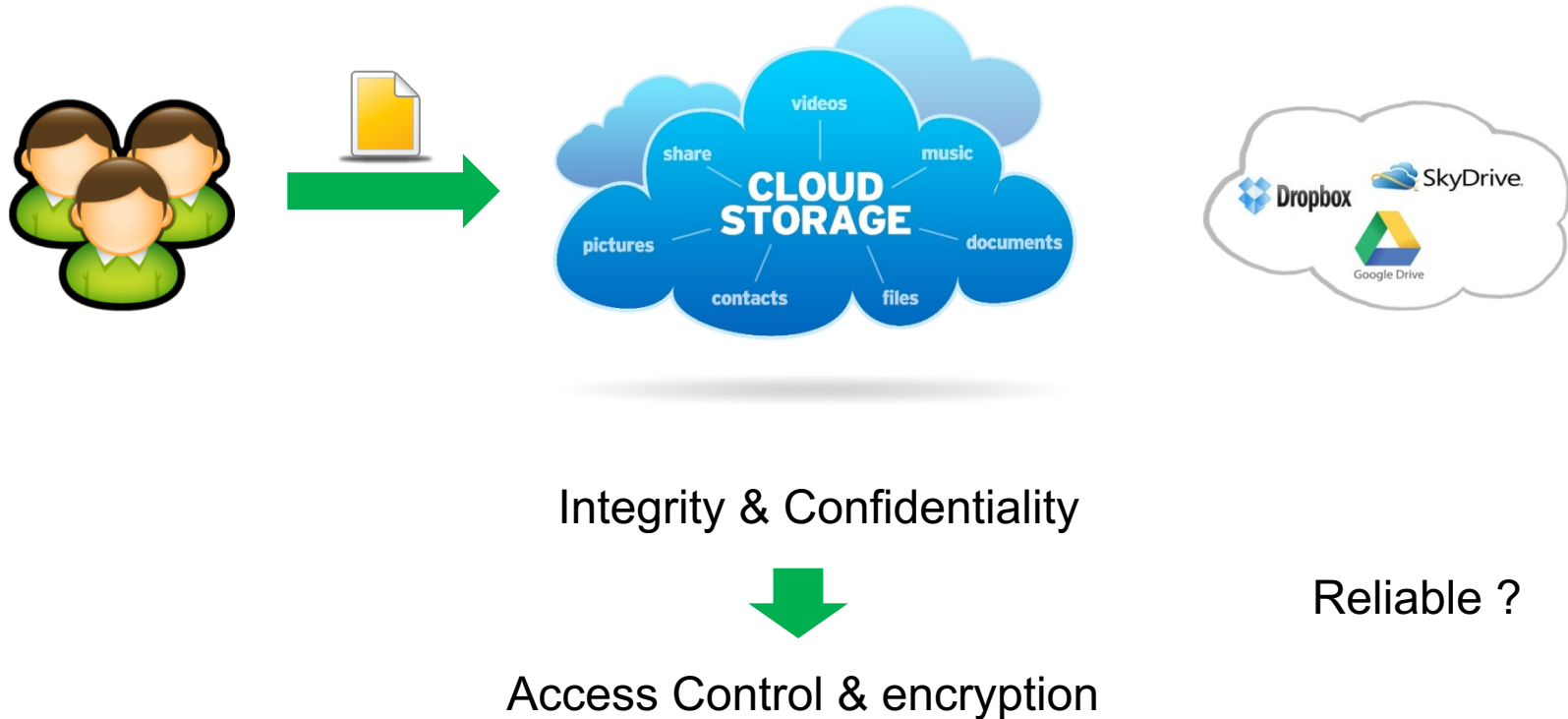


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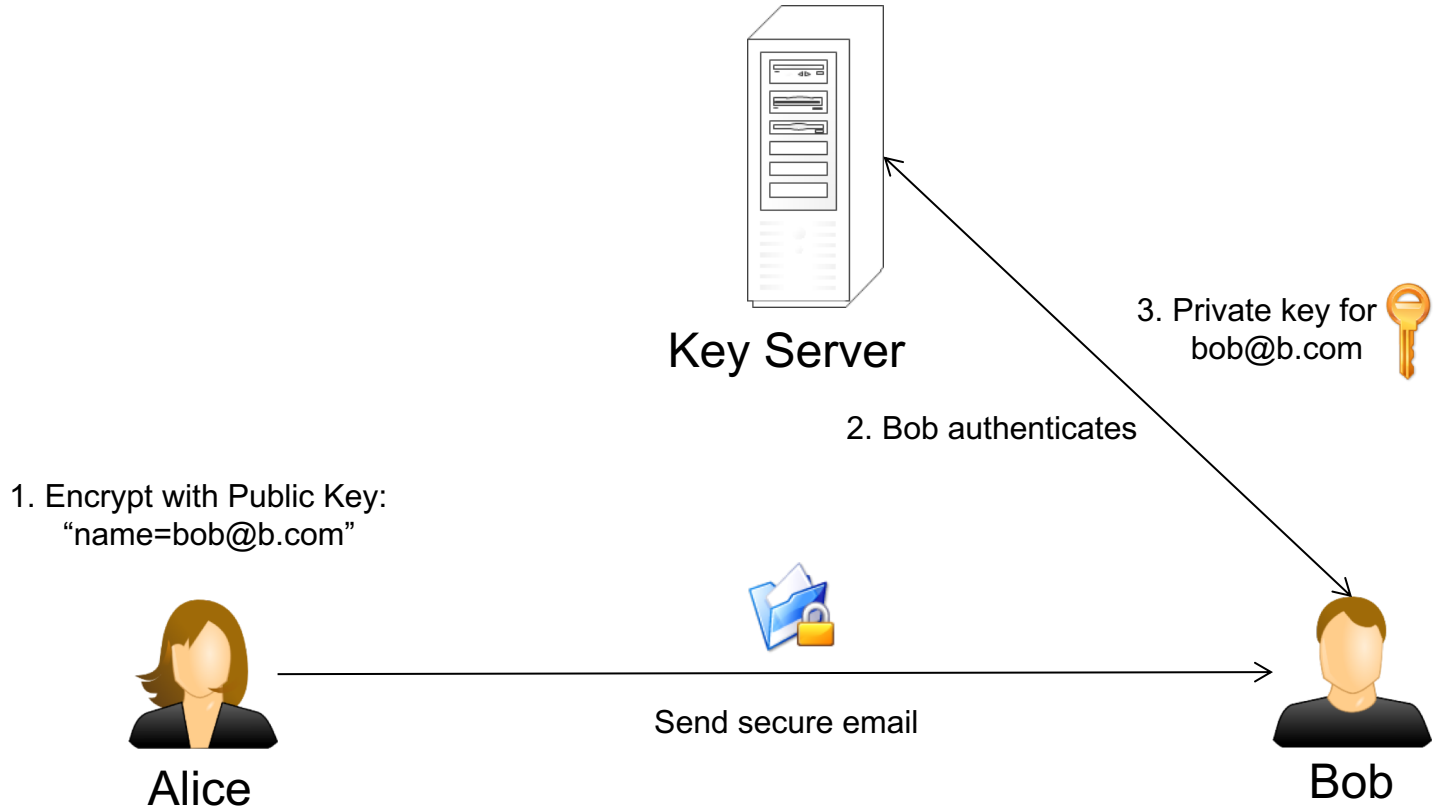
# Background

- The importance of data self-protection capability



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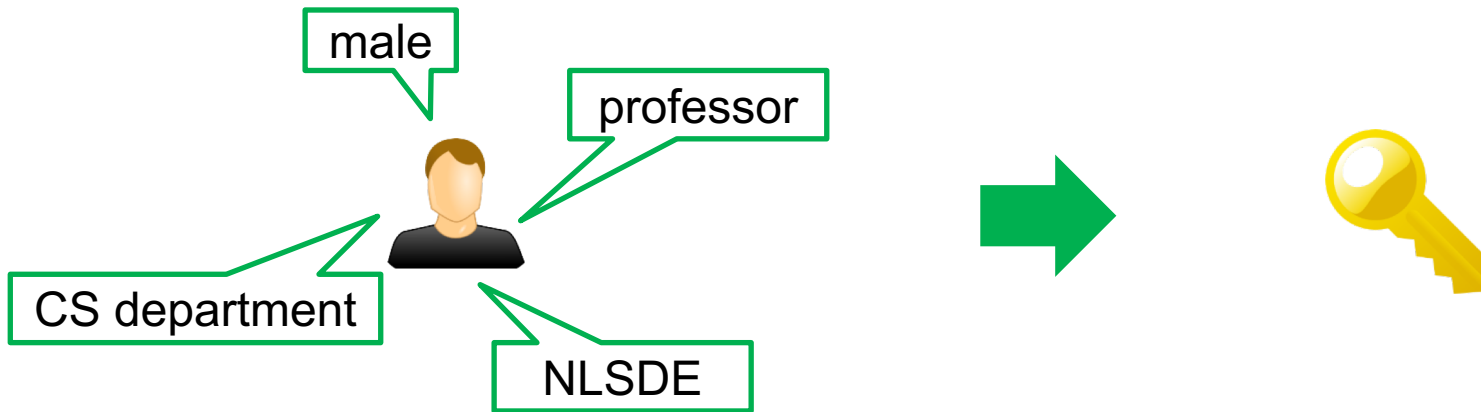
## ➤ Identity Based Encryption



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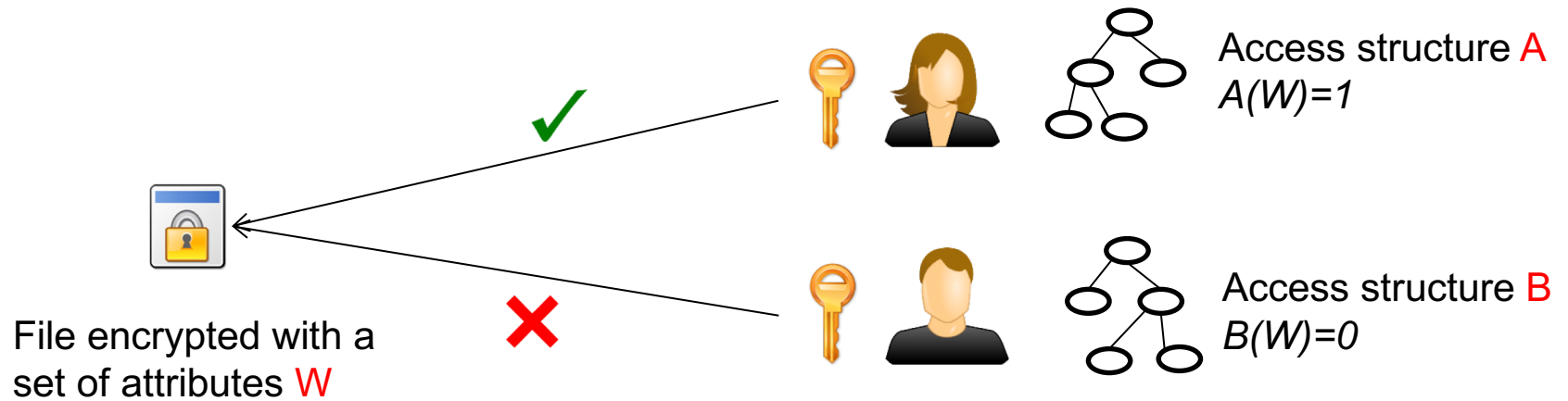
## ➤ Attribute Based Encryption

- ✓ An extend scheme of Identity based Encryption
- ✓ Utilization of attribute information for Encryption/Decryption
- ✓ Dynamically control the user group of the encrypted data



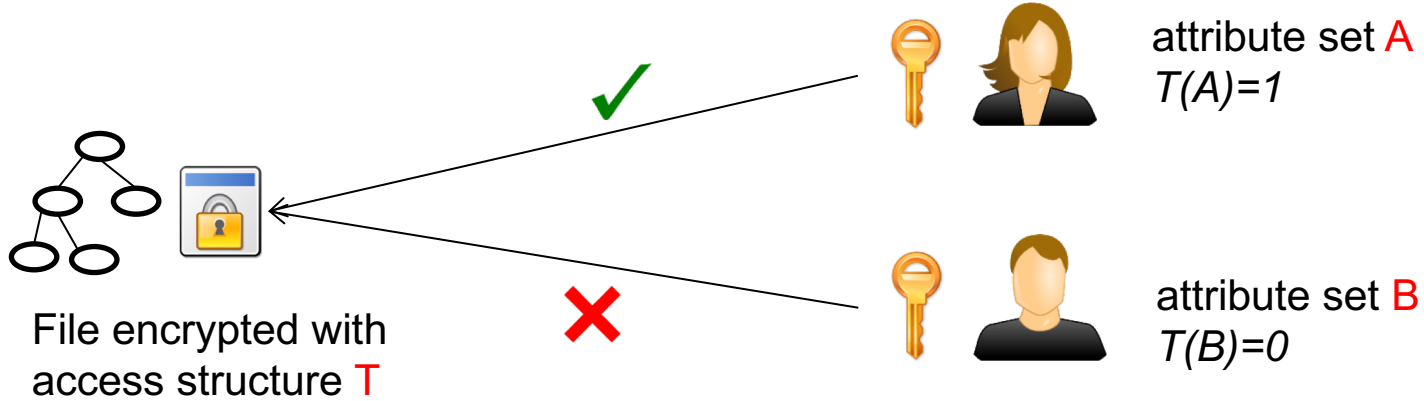
## ➤ Key Policy Attribute based Encryption

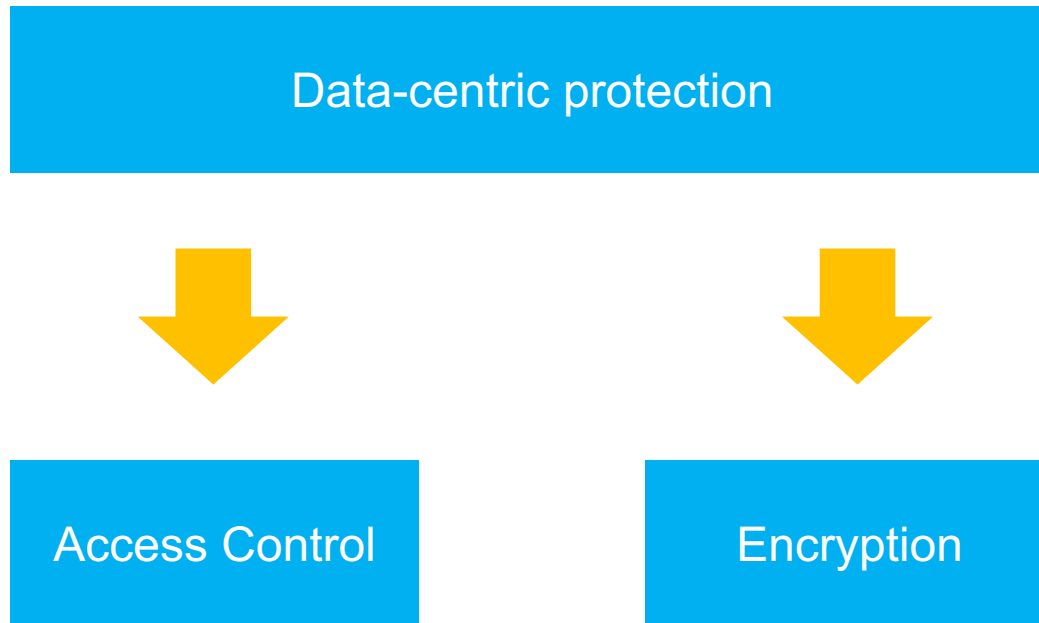
(Goyal et al., 2006)

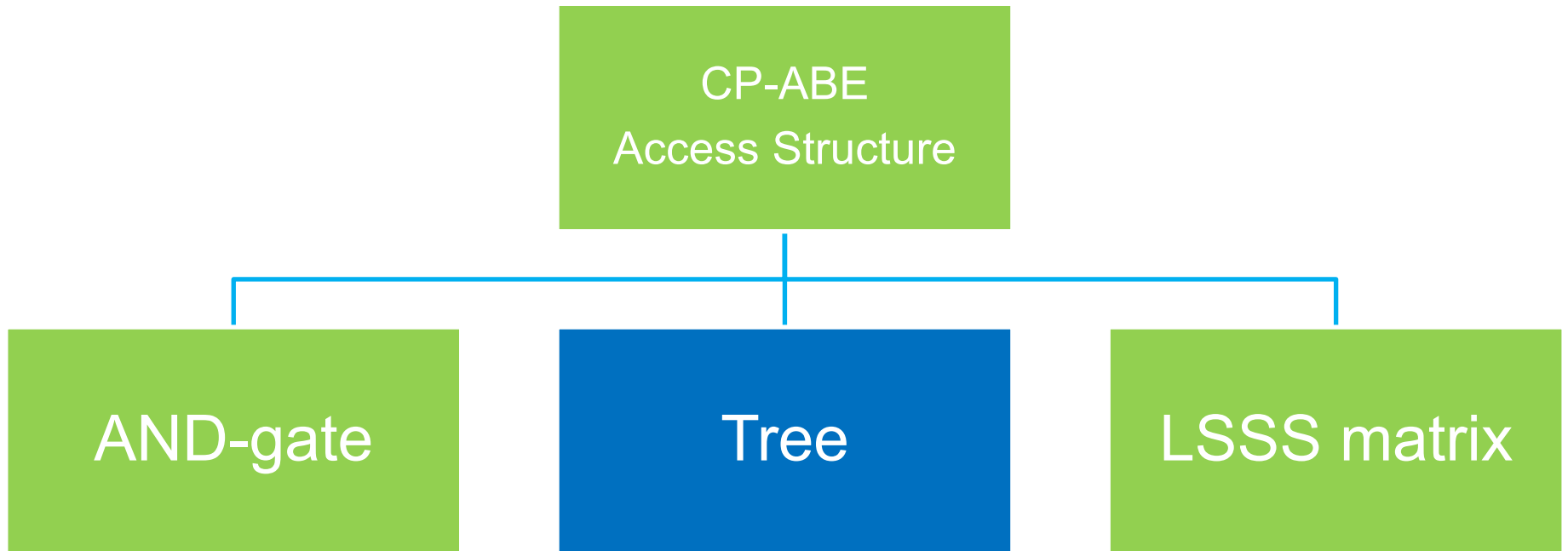


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## ➤ Ciphertext Policy Attribute based Encryption (Bethencourt et al., 2007)











## ➤ CP-ABE Schemes

### ✓ BSW07

- The initial structure of CP-ABE
- Security:
  - General group model rather than the standard numerical theoretical assumptions
- Expressive ability : Tree Structure
  - AND, OR and threshold operations
  - “bag of bits” for express policies containing  $<$ ,  $\leq$ ,  $>$ ,  $\geq$
  - Do not support “NOT” operator

### ✓ CN07

- Security
  - CPA security under DBDH assumption
- Expressive ability :
  - AND, NOT operations

### ✓ BCP-ABE

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## ➤ CP-ABE Schemes

### ✓ BCP-ABE

- Security
  - CPA security under DBDH assumption
- Expressive ability : Tree Structure
  - AND, OR and threshold operations
- Improvement of Liang et al
  - Shorten the system's public key
  - Shorten the user's private key
  - Shorten the length of the ciphertext

### ✓ NYO08

- partially hidden access structures
- Expressive ability : And-gate
  - Supported the AND operation
  - Attributes have more than one candidate value
- Improvement of Emura et al
  - Constant ciphertext length



## ➤ CP-ABE Schemes

### ✓ ITHJ09

- Security
  - CPA security under DBDH assumption
- Expressive ability : Tree Structure
  - AND, OR and threshold operations
- the costs of key generation, encryption and decryption are lower than BSW07

### ✓ Waters08

- Expressive ability : LSSS matrix
- Improvement of Lewko et al
  - supported any monotone access formula



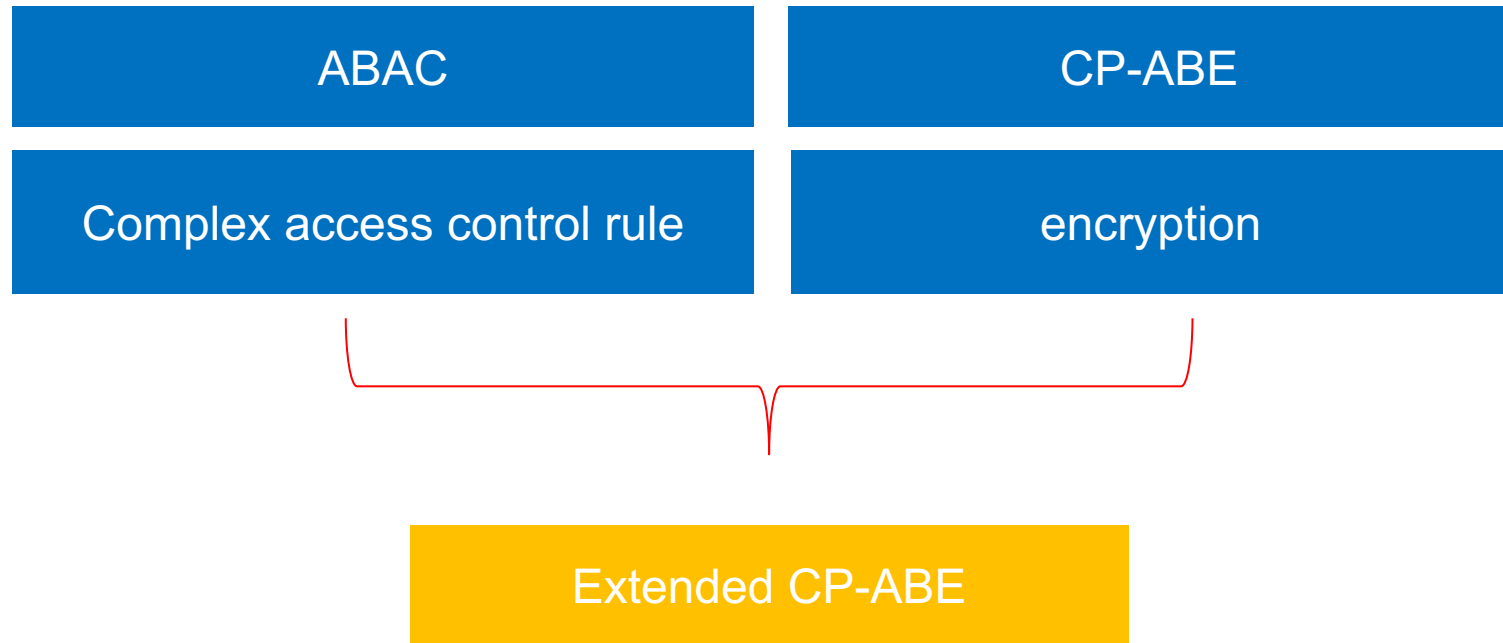
## ➤ Others Schemes

- ✓ Junod and Karlov
  - Support complex Boolean access policies
- ✓ Chen et al
  - Support a non-monotone AND gate policy
- ✓ Attrapadung et al
  - Support non-monotonic access structures and with constant ciphertext size
- ✓ Zhiguo et al
  - Support hierarchical attribute-set-based encryption

## ➤ Conclusion

- ✓ Only W08 and ITHJ09 support the AND, OR and threshold operation
  - Under the theoretical assumptions of the standard numerical
  - The computation cost of ITHJ09 is lower than W08

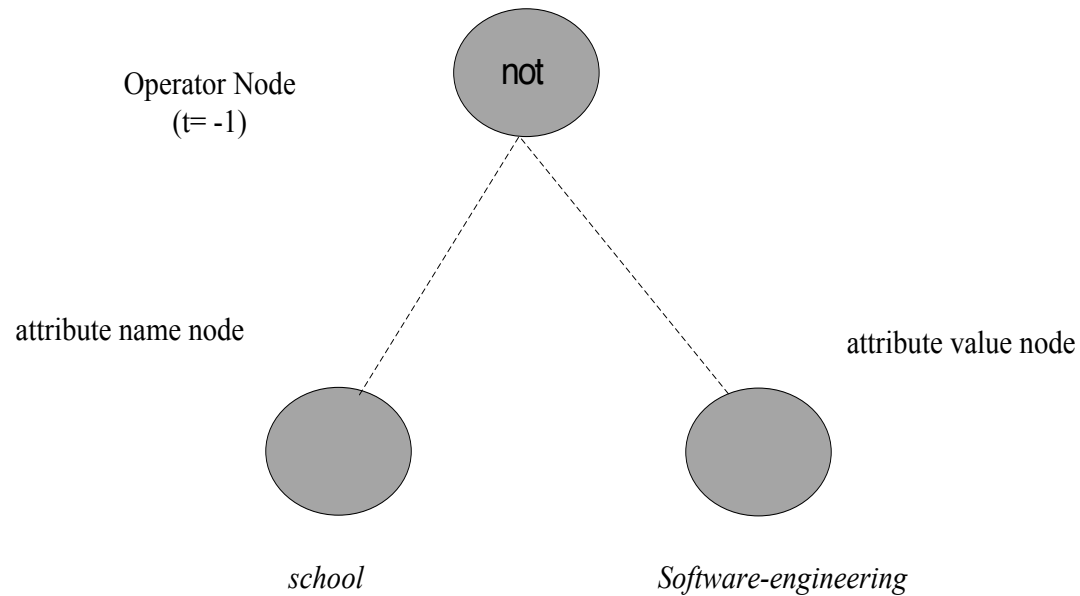
# Our Contribution





# Extended Leaf Node

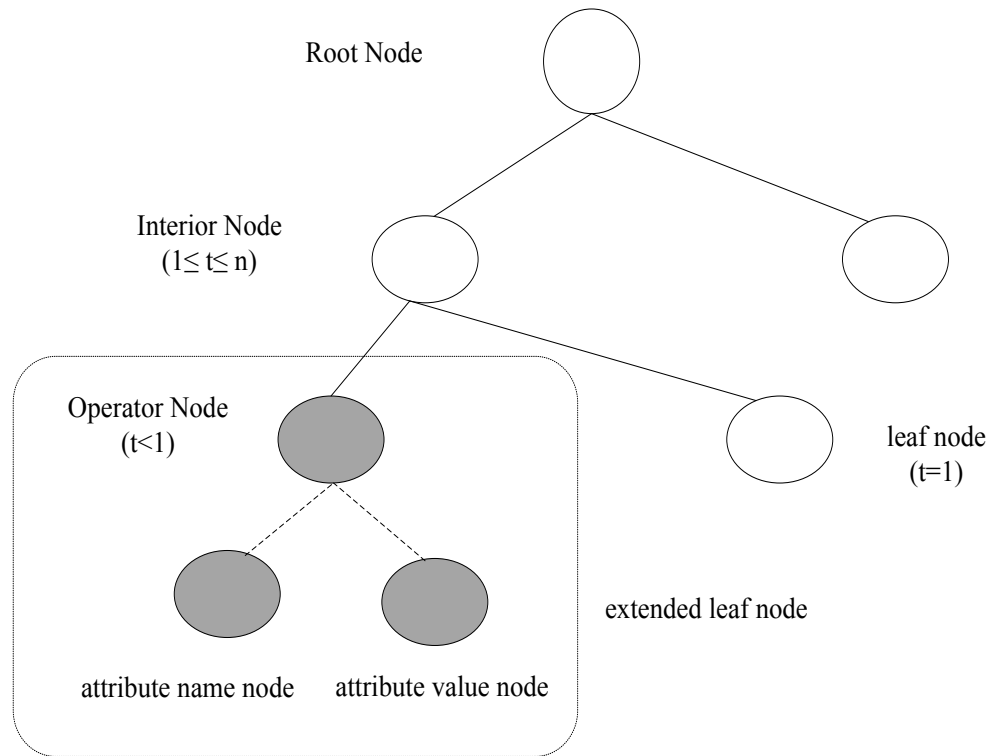
## ➤ The example of extend leaf node





# Extended Leaf Node

➤ The example of extend access tree



# Extended Leaf Node



## ➤ The values of $t$

Table 1: Values of  $t$  and its corresponding operator.

Value $t$	Operator
-1	not
-2	<
-3	>
-4	$\leq$
-5	$\geq$





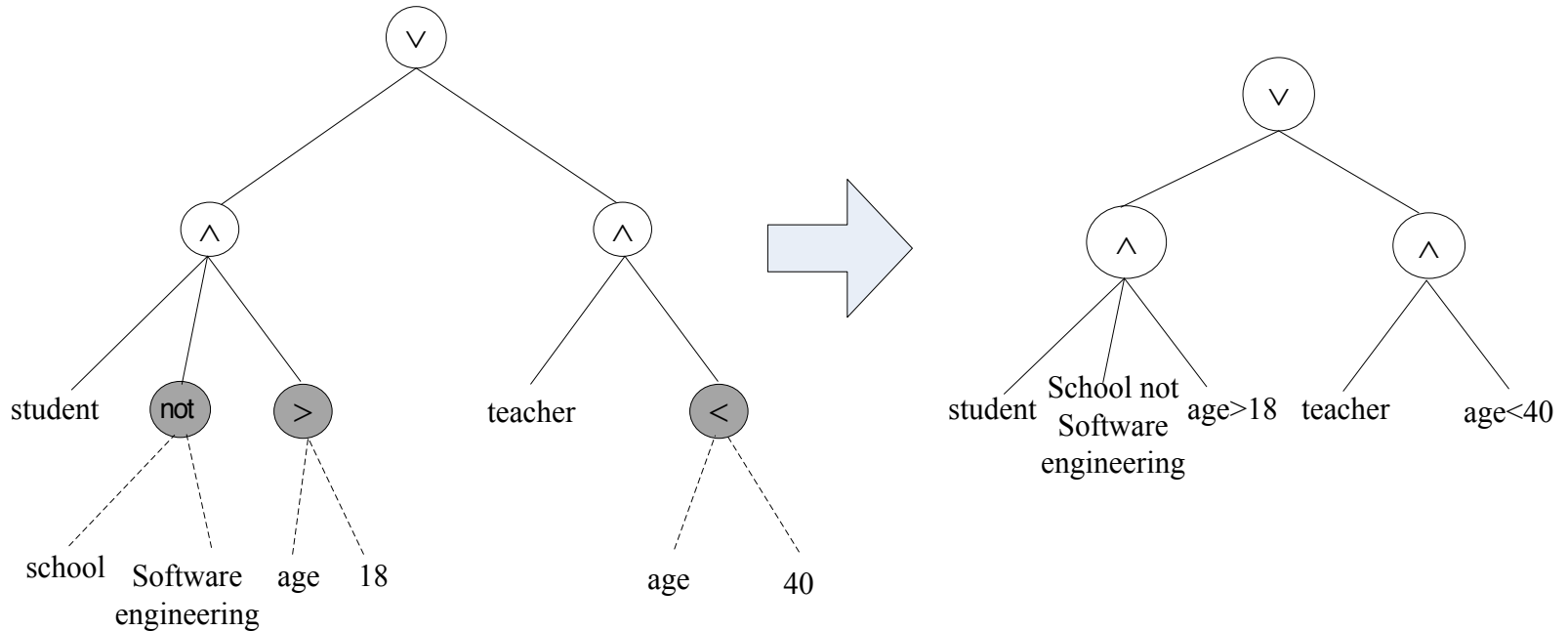
# Transform the extended policy tree

## ALGORITHM 1: Attribute Verification

- 1: Get the expression  $\text{exp}(N.O.V)$  of the extended leaf node, where  $N$ ,  $O$  and  $V$  denote the basic attribute name, the operator and the attribute value respectively;
- 2: Traverse the basic attribute set  $A'$  to find the basic attribute  $N$  and its value  $V'$ ;
- 3: Let  $N=V'$ , and calculate the expression  $\text{exp}(N.O.V)$ ;
- 4: if the value of  $\text{exp}(N.O.V)$  is true
- 5:     Convert  $\text{exp}(N.O.V)$  to string  $S="N.O.V"$
- 6:     return  $S$ ;
- 7: else
- 8:     return null;
- 9: end if

# Transform the extended policy tree

## ➤ Example of transforming the extended policy tree





# ECP-ABE specific scheme

## ➤ Initialize

- ✓ Generate public parameter  $pk$  and master key  $mk$ 
  - Generate a bilinear group  $G$  of prime order  $p$  with a generator  $g$  and a bilinear map  $e:G \times G \rightarrow G_T$ .
  - Generate the attribute set  $U = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$ , for some integer  $m$ , and random elements  $\alpha, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ .
  - Let  $y = e(g, g)^\alpha, T_j = g^{t_j} (1 \leq j \leq m)$ .
  - The public key is  $pk = (e, g, y, T_j (1 \leq j \leq m))$ , and the master key is  $mk = (\alpha, t_j (1 \leq j \leq m))$ .
- ✓ Give  $pk$  to the encryption party.

## ➤ Specify the access policy

- ✓ the encryption party specifies access policy, which is expressed by an extended tree  $T^*$ .



# ECP-ABE specific scheme

## ➤ Encryption

- ✓ Convert the  $T^*$  to the standard tree  $T$
- ✓ Select a random element  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  and compute  $c_0 = g^s$  and  $c_1 = M \cdot y^s = M \cdot e(g, g)^{\alpha s}$
- ✓ Set the value of the root node of  $T$  to be  $s$
- ✓ Mark all child nodes as un-assigned, and mark the root node assigned
- ✓ Recursively, for each un-assigned non-leaf node, do the following:
  - If its child nodes are un-assigned, the secret  $s$  is divided using  $(t, n)$ -Shamir secret sharing technique. The relation of  $n$  and  $t$  is:
    - if the symbol is of then  $1 < t < n$ ;
    - if the symbol is AND, then  $t = n$ ;
    - if the symbol is OR, then  $t = 1$ .
  - To each child node a share secret  $s_i = f(i)$  is assigned
  - Mark this node assigned.
- ✓ For each leaf attribute  $a_{j,i} \in T$ , compute  $c_{j,i} = T_j^{s_i}$ .
- ✓ Return the ciphertext:  $C_T = (T, c_0, c_1, \forall a_{j,i} \in T: c_{j,i})$ .



# ECP-ABE specific scheme

## ➤ Secret key request

- ✓ Analyze the structure of  $T^*$  and find the extended parts
- ✓ Give PKG his basic attribute set  $w$  and the extended parts of the access tree

## ➤ Secret key generation

- ✓ Verify the basic attribute
- ✓ Extract the attribute name, the attribute value and the operator
- ✓ Run *Attribute Verification Algorithm* to get the new attribute set  $w^*$
- ✓ Generate the secret key  $sk_{w^*}$  corresponds to  $w^*$ 
  - Select a random value  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ ,  $d_0 = g^{\alpha-r}$ .
  - For each attribute  $a_j$  in  $w$ , compute  $d_j = g^{rt_j^{-1}}$
- ✓ Send key back to the user



# ECP-ABE specific scheme

## ➤ Decryption

- ✓ Select the smallest attribute set  $w' \in \mathcal{W}^*$  that corresponds to  $sk_{w'}$  satisfies  $T$
- ✓ For every attribute  $a_j \in w'$ , computing:

$$m = \frac{c_1}{e(c_0, d_0) \cdot \prod_{a_j \in w'} e(c_{j,i}, d_j)^{l_i(0)}}$$

- ✓  $l_i(0)$  is a Lagrange coefficient.



# ECP-ABE specific scheme

## ➤ Correctness Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} m' &= \frac{c_1}{e(c_0, d_0) \cdot \prod_{a_j \in w'} e(c_{j,i}, d_j)^{l_i(0)}} \\ &= \frac{m \cdot e(g, g)^{\alpha s}}{e(g^s, g^{\alpha-r}) \cdot e(T_j^{s_i}, g^{rt_j^{-1}})^{l_i(0)}} \\ &= \frac{m \cdot e(g, g)^{\alpha s}}{e(g^s, g^{\alpha-r}) \cdot \prod_{a_j \in w'} e(g^{t_j s_i}, g^{rt_j^{-1}})^{l_i(0)}} \\ &= \frac{m \cdot e(g, g)^{\alpha s}}{e(g^s, g^{\alpha-r}) \cdot e(g, g)^{rs}} \\ &= \frac{m \cdot e(g, g)^{\alpha s}}{e(g^s, g^\alpha)} \\ &= m \end{aligned}$$



# ECP-ABE Performance analysis

## ➤ IND-sAtt-CPA game

### ✓ **Init.**

- The adversary  $A$  chooses the challenge access tree  $T^*$  and gives it to the challenger,  $T^*$  is an extended tree.

### ✓ **Setup.**

- The challenger runs Setup to generate  $(pk, mk)$  and gives the public key  $pk$  to adversary  $A$ .
- The challenger also transforms  $T^*$  to the equivalent standard tree  $T$ .

### ✓ **Phase1.**

- Adversary  $A$  makes a secret key request to the Keygen oracle for any attribute set  $w = \{ a_j \mid a_j \in \mathcal{U} \}$ , with the restriction  $a_j \notin T^*$  and  $a_j$  does not satisfy the policy attribute requirement expressed by the extend part of  $T^*$ .
- The challenger runs *Attribute Verification Algorithm* to generate extended attribute set  $w^*$  and then returns  $\text{Keygen}(w^*, mk)$ .





# ECP-ABE Performance analysis

## ➤ IND-sAtt-CPA game

### ✓ Challenge.

- Adversary  $A$  sends to the challenger two equal length messages  $m_0, m_1$ .
- The challenger picks a random bit  $b \in \{0,1\}$  and returns  $C_b = \text{Encrypt}(m_b, T^*, pk)$ .

### ✓ Phase2.

- Adversary  $A$  can continue querying Key-generation oracle with the same restriction as in **Phase1**.

### ✓ Guesss.

- Adversary  $A$  outputs a guess  $b' \in \{0,1\}$ .

## ➤ Advantage

- ✓  $\varepsilon = |\text{Pr}[b' = b] - 1/2|$ .



# ECP-ABE Performance analysis

## ➤ Security analysis

- ✓ Message  $m_b$  is encrypted under standard tree  $T$ .
  - Transformation between  $T^*$  and  $T$  is public
- ✓ In **Phase1**, changes of access tree will not introduce any new security problem
  - i.e. the secret key that  $A$  gets could not decrypt the ciphertext  $C_b$ .
- ✓ In **Phase1**, Challenge and **Phase2**, adversary  $A$  could design the query and challenge against  $T^*$ .
- ✓ So the attacking ability of  $A$  keeps the same.

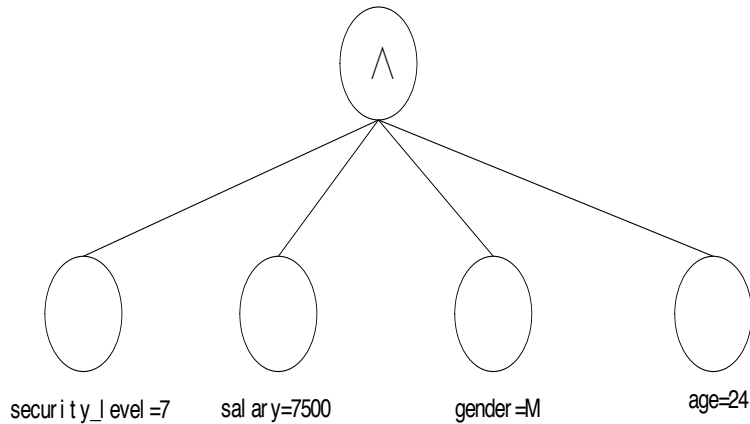


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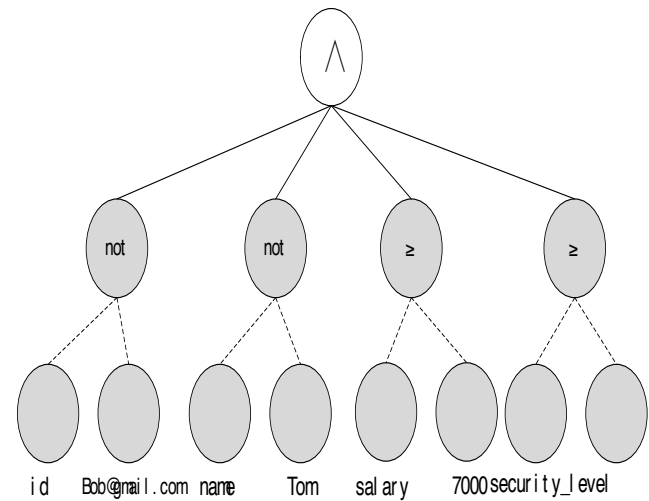
- The added calculation expense:
  - ✓ Encryption phase : the transformation from the extended tree to the standard tree.
  - ✓ Key generation phase: the verification and transformation of the extended attributes.
- Experiment
  - ✓ Two groups of policy file, each group has 10 test policy files
    - One group only contains policies with the standard attributes
    - the other only contains policies with the extended attributes
    - the number of attribute node varies from 1 to 10
  - ✓ Different tiers of structure.
  - ✓ Run three times for each test policy file and get the average cost as the result.

# ECP-ABE Performance analysis

➤ Test case (4 nodes for instance)



$security\_level=7 \wedge salary=7500 \wedge gender=M \wedge age=24$

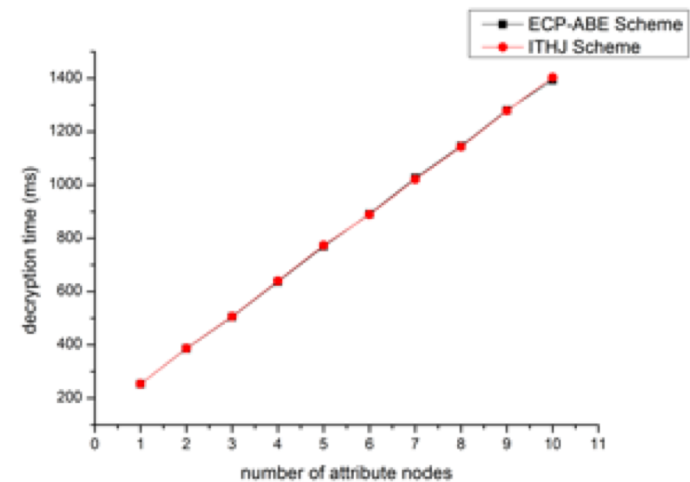
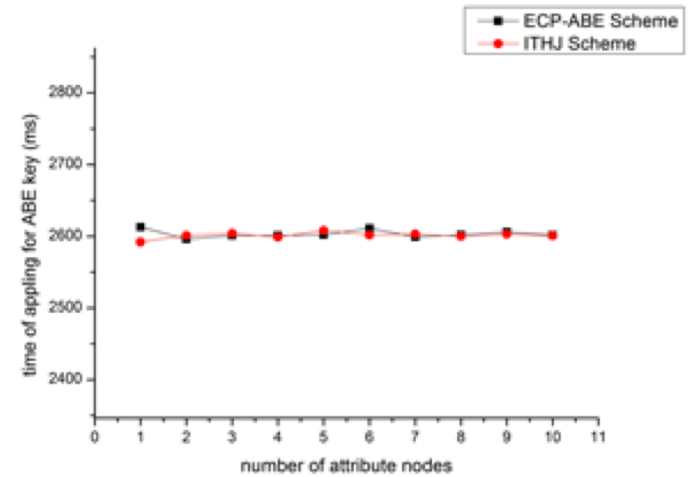
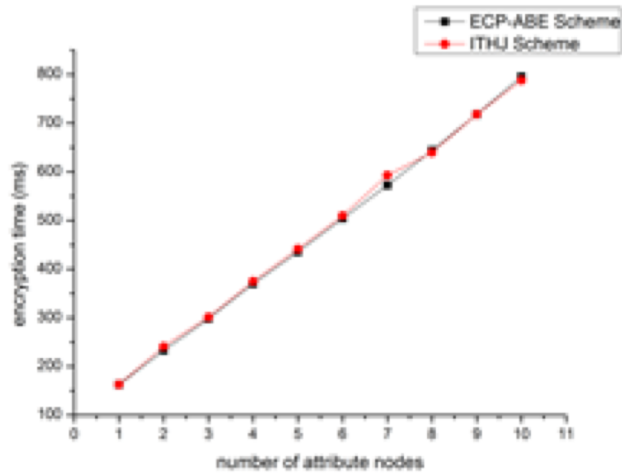


$(id \text{ not } Bob@gmail.com) \wedge (name \text{ not } Tom) \wedge (salary \geq 7000) \wedge (security\_level \geq 4)$

# ECP-ABE Performance analysis



## ➤ Result



# Conclusion



## ➤ Propose an ECP-ABE scheme

- ✓ Introduces the extended leaf nodes into the access policy tree
  - Keep the security and efficiency properties of the CP-ABE scheme
  - Improves the access capability of the baseline scheme

## ➤ Future work

- ✓ Probe other more efficient way to enhance the access control capability of CP-ABE schemes
- ✓ Design new encryption/decryption algorithms.



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